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Ms. Victoria Toensing, Chief Counsel
 Select Committee on Intelligence
 United States Senate
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Vicki:

This is in response to your request for our views on whether Agency equities would be adversely affected by S. 1917, which eliminates the statutory basis for the "Fairness Doctrine" and the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to revoke a broadcast station's license for not implementing this Doctrine. As you are aware, the "Fairness Doctrine" applies primarily to political and editorial broadcasts, and assures that opposing viewpoints, as well as opposition candidates, are given an equal opportunity to express their views. Senator Packwood, who introduced the bill, has stated that the purpose of the bill is to remove the possibility of federal regulation of the print media, as technological changes increasingly force newspapers into telecommunications.

Our analysis of the bill indicates that Agency activities would not be impaired by passage of this bill. If you have any additional questions regarding this bill, please contact of my office.

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Sincerely,

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Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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